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11 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

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Chief, TP&DS

SUBJECT:

Proposed Processing Center (AMS)

1. On 4 August 1961, and again on 10 August 1961, the under INT signed visited the Army Map Service to attend a meeting called for purpose of discussing a proposed National film processing site. the 4 August meeting, those in attendance were:

The 10 August meeting included:

of AMS, MessatentL

Both of these meetings were conducted at

a security level of Secret.

At the preliminary meeting on 4 August, the discussion was limited to the broad and general scope of a proposal to establish a film processing center in the Washington area. It was also tentatively decided that the new building being erected adjacent to the AMS Fort Summer building might prove to be inadequate for this project, and a proposal to ask for funds for an additional building within the general complex of AMS was tentatively approved. AMS has a contract for the design of the space and environment for this proposed processing center.

3. At the second meeting on 10 August, the representatives of

were brought up to date on AMS requirements, with particular reference to existing and proposed equipment, as well as some of the projected production requirements for the proposed site. Attached is an outline prepared by AMS for consideration by the sultants. Since the security level of this meeting was limited to Secret, it was not possible to disclose details of the requirements of these several systems whose input would be handled by the center. However, the AMS representatives announced the requirement for an 18" x 9" format which would dictate the size and capacity of associated processing and printing equipment. The design of the chemical

storage and distribution system was discussed in length with particular emphasis on those details which would affect the construction of the building, such as plumbing and electrical requirements and the horizontal or vertical planning of this feature. The chemical solution

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storage and distribution plan was proposed by the undersigned substantially as it was presented in a staff study, dated 8 March 1961. The only objection to this system voiced by any of the members present was the probability of having to discard partially used chemical solutions. To answer this objection, it was proposed by the undersigned that an auxiliary storage facility be provided in which partially exhausted solutions could be pumped, stored, and reconstituted, and subsequently used for the processing of duplicate rather than original materials.

- 4. At this point, only two details require your attention and action. These are: (1) To what extent would NPIC participate in this program financially, and substantively, such as technical support and participation; and (2) As a proposed customer, what type and quality of duplicate materials would be an NPIC requirement?
- 5. A third meeting is tentatively scheduled for the latter part of this month, at which time it is conceivable that some direct guidance from your office will be required in order for the undersigned to actively participate in this program to the best interests of NPIC.

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